

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This application is a divisional based upon Applicant's U.S. application Serial No. 10/056,591 filed January 24, 2000. Applicant has rewritten original non-elected apparatus claims in more clearly apparatus form without method limitations, and submits they are patentable over the prior art of record in the parent case.

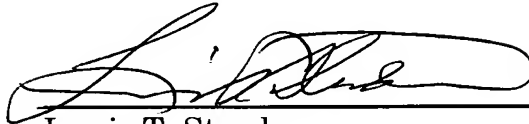
In preparing this amendment, the undersigned attorney noted an inadvertent drawing error at the horizontal arm – rule adjustment indicia. In accordance with the original specification and claims, the indicia 75° and 69° should clearly be reversed to reflect the adjustment described and claimed. As noted in the specification, for example, when the handle 17' is adjusted to a more upright position, at $\theta = 75^\circ$, the distance 3.09", shown, becomes 2.59", and, accordingly the distance from numeral 7 to the right edge of arm 50 would be 7" - 2.59" = 4.41." Accordingly, the rule 43 should move to the left relative to arm 42 rather than to the right, to comply with the direct reading feature of the original claims and specification. Accordingly, the indicia in the illustrated embodiment should be changed to conform to the specification and claims. The accompanying sketch illustrates the correction noted and a substitute drawing incorporating the correction is also submitted herewith.

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It is submitted that this application, as amended, is in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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